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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	)	
DAVID A. RUDDY et al.	)	Examiner: Not Assigned
Application No.: 08/852,495	)	Art Unit: Not Assigned
Filed: May 7, 1997	)	<u>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</u>
For: POLYMORPHISMS IN THE REGION	)	
OF THE HUMAN	)	
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Sir:

Before action on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 4, line 36, after "Figure 1", please insert  
--(SEQ ID NO:1)--.

At page 5, line 1, after "Figure 2", please insert  
--(SEQ ID NO:2)--.

At page 24, line 38, after "HC14", please insert --ATCC  
No. CRL 12371--.

At page 26, line 11, after "was", please insert --(SEQ  
ID NO:3)--. At line 20, after "was", please insert --(SEQ ID  
NO:4)--. At line 31, after "oligos-21", please insert --(SEQ ID  
NO:5)--. At line 31, after "REV", please insert --(SEQ ID  
NO:6)--.

At page 28, line 15, after "detection", please insert  
--(SEQ ID NOS:7-8)--. At line 21, after "follows", please insert